



Agenda Green Committee

November 25, 2020

5:30 pm

Video Conference

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**
3. **AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the November 25, 2020 Green Committee Agenda be accepted as presented.

4. **DELEGATIONS**

None.

5. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

3

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the September 23, 2020 Green Committee minutes be approved and signed by the Chair and the Committee Secretary.

6. **STRATEGIC ITEMS - PROGRESS UPDATE**

7

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the November Green Committee Strategic Priorities Status Table be received for information.

7. **REPORTS**

None.

8. **OTHER BUSINESS**

9. UPCOMING MEETINGS

9

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Green Committee approve the 2021 Green Committee meeting calendar as presented.

10. ADJOURNMENT

RECOMMENDATION

THAT this meeting of the Green Committee be adjourned at pm



Minutes

Green Committee

September 23, 2020

5:30 pm

Video Conference

Member Present	Katherine Moffat, Chair Lynette Geddes Councillor Pridham Fred Stam John Stevens David Vermeire
Staff Present	Jed Kelly, Director of Public Works Morgan Dykstra, Committee Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

The September 23, 2020 Green Committee meeting was live streamed but failed to post online due to technical difficulties.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:29 PM

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None declared.

3. AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution: GC-2020-05-01

Moved By John Stevens

Seconded By Lynette Geddes

THAT the September 23, 2020 Green Committee agenda be accepted as presented.

Carried

4. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Resolution: GC-2020-05-02

Moved By Fred Stam

Seconded By John Stevens

THAT the August 19, 2020 Green Committee meeting minutes be approved and signed by the Chair and Committee Secretary.

Carried

5. STRATEGIC ITEMS - PROGRESS UPDATE

M. Dykstra and J. Kelly spoke to the Strategic Priorities Status table.

Resolution: GC-2020-05-03

Moved By Councillor Pridham

Seconded By Lynette Geddes

THAT the September Green Committee Strategic Priorities Status Table be received for information.

Carried

6. REPORTS

6.1 PW 63-2020 Establishing a Wildflower Meadow in St. Marys

M. Dykstra and J. Kelly spoke to the report and responded to questions from the Committee.

The Committee was of the consensus that the Town should establish a wildflower meadow within the Sparling Bush trail triangle, and this meadow act as a pilot project to inform future naturalization decisions. The Committee agreed that the meadow be approximately 165 square meters, and geotextile cloth should be used to prepare the site.

Resolution: GC-2020-05-04

Moved By Lynette Geddes
Seconded By David Vermeire

THAT PW 63-2020 Establishing a Wildflower Meadow in St. Marys be received; and

THAT the Green Committee recommend to Council:

THAT Council approve the action to establish a wildflower meadow that is 165 square meters and be located within the Sparling Bush trail triangle in St. Marys; and

THAT Council direct staff to pursue grant funding to fund the wildflower meadow project

Carried

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Litterati Mobile Application

John Stevens advised the Committee that a mobile app exists to track litter within a community. The Litterati Application enables users to geo-tag the location of litter and identify the type of litter.

The Committee agreed that the Litterati Mobile Application could be a useful tool and should be incorporated into the Waste Reduction Week campaign.

7.2 Gypsy Moth

The Committee discussed the gypsy moth infestation. The Committee agreed that educating the public is important, and the Town should create an information webpage dedicated to gypsy moths.

8. UPCOMING MEETINGS

October 28, 2020 at 5:30 PM (Virtual Meeting)

November 25, 2020 at 5:30 PM (Virtual Meeting)

9. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution: GC-2020-05-05

Moved By Lynette Geddes

Seconded By Fred Stam

THAT this meeting of the Green Committee be adjourned at 6:23 pm.

Katherine Moffat, Chair

Morgan Dykstra, Committee Secretary

Green Committee Strategic Priorities Status (November 2020)

Priority	Item	Status	
Forestry Management	Revise tree species list		Complete
	Engagement and education opportunities	Ongoing	Pause
	Tree donation policy	Council Approved – Staff need to begin implementation phase	Implementing
	Seedlings transplant area	Council approved the Committee's recommendation. The Town will not establish a seedlings transplant area.	Complete
	Gypsy Moth Infestation	Committee recommended that an education program be implemented.	Implementing
Naturalization	Public Engagement re: naturalization	The Town is implementing the Sparling Bush Management Plan. Invasive species tarped in early June and trail access from Sparling installed. Considering the planting of large trees within the Bush. Sparling Bush Management Plan items for 2021 have been incorporated into the 2021 Capital Budget. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Removal of encroachments• Tarping northwest corner• Planting native species to encourage more undergrowth	Implementing
	Recommend areas for naturalization		
	Recommend policies to establish natural areas and how to maintain areas		
	Investigate the feasibility of creating a wildflower meadow	Council approved the Committee's recommendation to create a wildflower meadow. Flowers will be ordered next week. Application for TD funding will be sent in in January.	Implementing
Active Transportation Master Plan	Review existing active transportation network	Staff are continuing to complete an inventory of the existing network and working on the recommendations provided by the Committee at its June meeting. Grand Trunk Trail recommendation was approved by Council. Project included in the Town's 2021 Capital Budget. Will be seeking sponsorships in January.	Implementing
	Seek public feedback re: active transportation network	Public Survey	Complete
	Investigate mural painting on CN Railway Bridge	Email sent to CN inquiring if painting is allowed, and if there are any permissions or rules. There has been no response to the	Research

		Town's emails to CN. Will be trying another approach to get in contact.	
	Recommend an Active Transportation Master Plan	Due to delays as a result of COVID-19 and the re-prioritization of staff's task, a draft plan is anticipated in 2021.	Research
Waste Reduction & Diversion (Following the Waste Reduction and Diversion Assessment)	Review Solid Waste Management By-law		Complete
	Textile recycling program	RFP in spring 2019 deemed incomplete. This project has been placed on hold due to COVID-19 and recycling concerns.	Pause
	Mattress and box spring diversion	Green Committee recommended (June 2019) Incorporated in Solid Waste Management By-law (Fall 2019) Develop policy and review other municipal programs (Spring 2021). Might be a component of the Environmental Assessment Process once the Town has received approval for expansion.	Pause
	All other recommendations from WRDA	Awaiting approvals from the Ministry of Environment for the Town of St. Marys Landfill Site. Once approvals have been completed the review of existing program at the site can be reviewed.	Pause
	Green Initiative Recognition Program	Report drafted with program outlines for the Green Committee's review	Pause
	Waste Reduction Week	Approved by Council in September. Staff are developing in a media campaign for the October event.	Complete
	Municipal Hazardous Waste Program	October 31, 2020 Depot Event <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10,708 KG of Household Hazardous Waste Diverted (10.7 Tonnes) • 4200 linear feet of fluorescent lamps recycled • 366 individual vehicles processed Still waiting for final costs. Will present a detailed report to the Committee at its January meeting.	Research

2021 Green Committee Calendar

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Regular Council Meeting
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Statutory & Public Holidays

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